Title: Need to sanction the funds sought by the Government of Tamil Nadu for beautification of Chidambaram town under the 'Adisankara Circuit' Scheme.

SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY (CHIDAMBARAM): Chidambaram in Tamil Nadu, is my constituency. The world famous Shiva temple is located in my constituency, Chidambaram. The Secretary, Department of Tourism, Tamil Nadu, has sent a proposal to the Central Government requesting for amount of Rs. 3.17 crore to beautify Chidambaram town under the scheme of 'Adisankara circuit'. Even now pilgrims in thousands visit the town everyday and this can be improved many fold as to generate employment and revenue for the Tourism Department and for the locals by beautifying the town and temple in all aspects. Cuddalore District is one of the backwards Districts of Tamil Nadu. There is no doubt that, if the said amount of Rs. 3.17 crore is allotted to Chidambaram, it will not only generate new employment and but also will attract world tourists. Chidambaram should be declared as one of the world heritage centres.